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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7809

BILL NUMBER: HB 1680

DATE PREPARED: Jan 15, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Landscape architects.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the name of the Board of Registration for Architects to the Board of Registration for Architects and Landscape Architects. The membership of the board is also changed from eight members to nine members. Members of the board who represent landscape architects must be registered landscape architects and have at least ten years of active landscape architectural practice. This bill defines "landscape architect" and amends the current definition of "landscape architecture." The state must employ a landscape architect for work within the field of landscape architecture.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will increase costs to the Professional Licensing Agency, which provides administrative support for the Board of Registration for Architects. The Agency may see an increase in expenses if the Agency disposes of stationery or other forms and supplies that contain the current name of the Board and replaces the supplies before it typically would with forms and supplies that include the new name of the Board. Additionally, the proposal provides for an additional board member. Based on the average cost of the current board, an additional member would cost an additional \$1,700 per year. This expense includes per diem, travel, and other expenses incurred by a member in the performance of duties related to the work of the board.

The board should be able to absorb the above additional costs given its current budget.

Requiring that the state must employ a landscape architect for work within the field of landscape architecture may increase costs to the state to the extent that the requirement limits the pool of employees from which the state draws and requires that the employees must possess additional qualifications which could result in increased personnel costs. The overall impact of this provision, however, is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may encourage landscape architects who currently do not

have a license but who currently have the necessary qualifications to apply for a license, which, in turn, would generate additional license fee revenue. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable. License fee revenue is deposited in the State General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

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